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1. In connection with the production cuts planned for heavy industry by the East German Council of Ministers in early June 1953, and the related changes in investment and production plans, all ministries and state secretariats were ordered to submit to the State Committee for Material Supply¹ new lists of material requirements. On the basis of these materials balance sheets, the Council of Ministers will decide upon the new allocations of materials. [redacted]

[redacted] the new allocations of materials will not be made known pending the conclusion of current negotiations between Eastern Bloc countries in Moscow.²

2. [redacted] all stocks of the State Reserve had again been blocked by order of the Council of Ministers on 16 July 1953. Alfred Binz, head of the State Committee for Material Supply, ruled that even urgent applications by the Ministry for Transport and Agricultural Machine Construction were to be rejected.

3. On July 1953, the former sections of the State Committee for Material Supply were reorganized into main departments including: one for heavy industry, formerly the Metallurgy and Nonferrous Metals Section; chemistry, formerly the Chemistry Section; wood, paper, and textiles, formerly the Light Industry Section; and mechanical engineering, formerly the Section for General Machine Construction, Vehicle Construction, and Machine Construction. Newly established departments were the Department for Priority Projects and the Central Administration and Organization Department (ZVO). Binz continued as head of the State Committee for Materials Supply. He will be assisted by newly appointed deputies including Teschauer, Hugo Meiser, and Herbert Eichert.

Comment: The State Administration of Material Procurement also appears as the State Committee of Material Procurement or Supply.

Comment: According to the agreement concluded between the East German government and Moscow in August 1953, the new figures for material allocations will probably be made known to the individual ministries and state secretaries in the near future.

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